Disarmament Session of UN

520. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India participated at the U. N. Disarmament Session held in New York in April, 1992;

(b) what were the main issues discussed there and whether India put forward any specific proposals, if so, the details thereof and reaction of other delegates thereto;

(c) whether any broad' agreement consensus reached over (i) nuclear non-proliferation (ii) to check monopoly of a few States over the control of nuclear weapons of mass destruction, range of missile technology and (iii) complete elimination of present day threat of nuclear weapons etc., and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir. India is participating in the 1992 session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission being held in New York from 20th April to 11th May 1992.

(b) The following agenda items are being discussed at the ongoing UNDC session :

(i) Objective information on military matters;

(ii) Process of Nuclear Disarmament in the framework of peace and security with the objective of the elimination of nuclear weapons;

(iii) Regional approach to Disarmament within the context of global security; and

(iv) The role of Science and Technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related matters.

The Indian delegation is contributing to the discussions on all these issues.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Request by India to Afghan President for his Settlement in India

521. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India have made a request to Afghan President Dr. Nazibullah asking him to settle in India permanently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Release of Indian Fishermen and their Boats

522. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1654 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether Government have secured the release of 41 Indian fishermen and return of their 5 boats from the Pakistani authorities;

(b) if not, what are the impediments thereon and by when they are likely to be released; and

(c) what steps Government have so far taken in this regard and at what level the talks are going on ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (c) Do not arise.

Scuttling of Enquiry by Sri Lanka Government

523. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen press ports about a signed affidavit of Mr. P.